

THE WORK PLAN PROCESS

Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee

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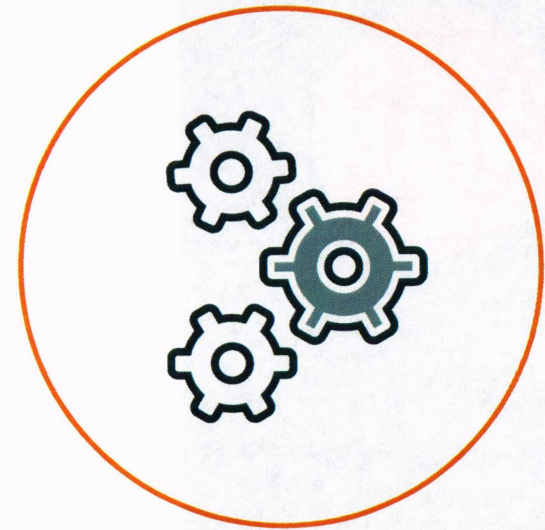
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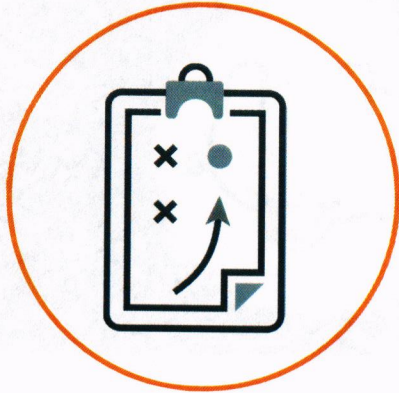
Exhibit 5



ETIC WORK PLAN PROCESS

- What is a Work Plan?
- Why does the ETIC need to adopt a Work Plan?
- How does the ETIC plan its work?
- What are the resources available to the ETIC?
- What are the decisions the ETIC will make regarding a Work Plan?



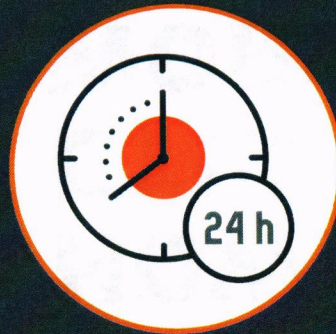


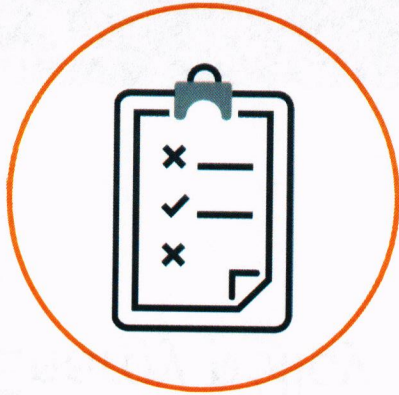
HOW DOES THE ETIC PLAN ITS WORK?

- Draft work plan produced by staff based on assigned studies, suggested studies, and statutory duties.
- Available resources determined.
- Committee selection of options.
- Committee adoption of interim calendar.
- Detailed Work Plan developed.

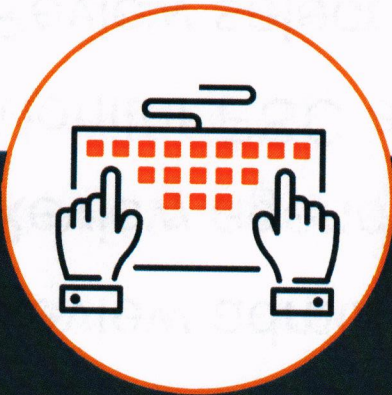
ETIC RESOURCES

- Committee budget
- Committee member time
- Staff resources = 1 Interim FTE

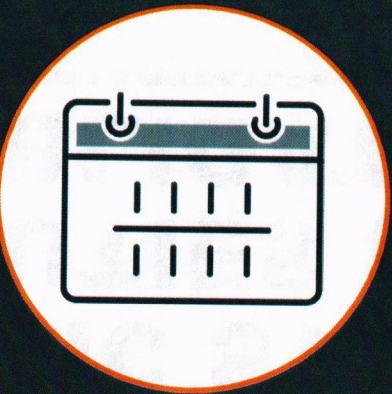




DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE



- Adopt a Work Plan through option selection that totals up to 1 FTE
- Adopt a Work Plan timeline
- Adopt interim draft calendar



ETIC STATUTORY DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- Review administrative rules
- Review agency legislation
- Monitor PSC activities
- Review select reports
- Energy policy



STATUTORY DUTIES

- **Oversee Public Service Commission**
 - Administrative Rules
 - Updates
 - Proposed Legislation
- USB Review
- Geothermal Research
- Energy Policy Review
- Hydroelectric Potential
- High Performance Buildings
- Update on Next-Generation 9-1-1



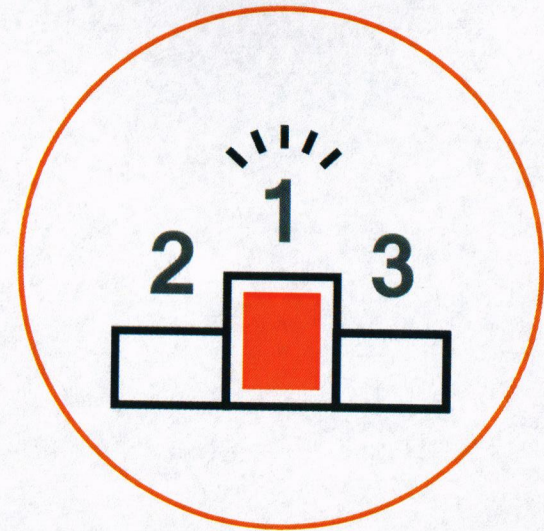
ENERGY POLICY (SB 65 AND SB 305, 2011)



- Changes made by 2011 Legislature
- Time Investment
- Public Involvement
- Legislative Council Suggestion
- Committee Discussion

NATURAL GAS CUSTOMER CHOICE

- House Joint Resolution No. 28
Study Natural Gas Customer
Choice
- Ranked #12 in Legislative poll
and assigned to ETIC
- Parameters of study, MDU and
PSC



UTILITY DECOUPLING



- Senate Joint Resolution No. 31
Study Utility Decoupling
- Ranked #14 in Legislative poll and
assigned to ETIC
- Benefits and Risks of pursuing policy
- Role of PSC



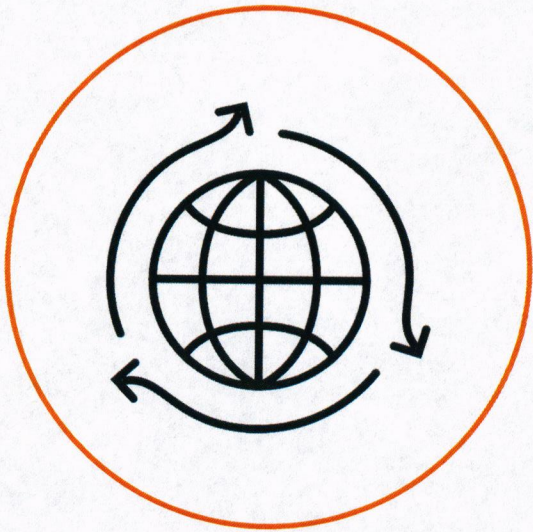
RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT REPORTING

- Senate Joint Resolution No. 2
Study Renewable Energy
Credit Reporting
- Ranked #16 in Legislative poll
and assigned to ETIC



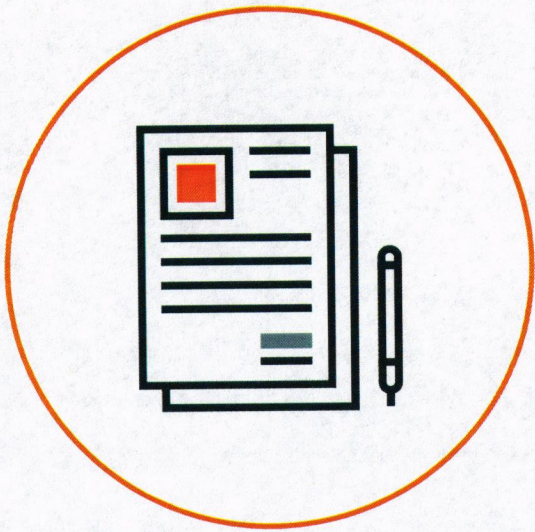
NET METERING: PSC LED STUDY

- Background
- Role of Legislature
- Previous Analysis
- PSC Updates



PROGRAM REVIEW

- Statutory Duties
 - Formalized review
- In-depth overview of PSC programs
- Select subjects from spreadsheet and level of review



ETIC PUBLICATIONS

- “A Citizen’s Guide to Montana Energy Law”
 - Produced in 2002; Updated in 2004, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014
- “Understanding Electricity in Montana: A Guide to Electricity, Natural Gas and Coal Produced and Consumed in Montana”
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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NOT IN WORK PLAN)

- Colstrip Tracking
- House Bill 193 Implementation (electric cost recovery)
- House Bill 216 Implementation (wind bonding)

